

## BETTER THAN GUN

WHEN SNUFF PROVED VALUABLE WEAPON OF DEFENSE.

British Army Officer Is Lucky In Being Able to Relate Story of Almost Fatal Adventure in India.

Perhaps no man's life was ever saved to him by a more curious circumstance than that attending the experience of a captain of the Bengal lancers. He had been on a visit to a civilian friend in Rajputana and went out for a walk in the country about sunset.

After going four or five miles he found himself in a narrow path on the side of a steep hill. The path was a mere ledge in the rock, with a deep chasm on one side and a wall of solid rock on the other. It was not a pleasant place in which to come face to face with a big tiger; but that was just what happened to the captain.

It was too late to withdraw, so he determined to brave it out. The animal had evidently been asleep; for it continued for a few moments to lick itself into full wakefulness. The captain stood still, with his eyes fixed on the beast. Presently the tiger took a few steps forward and made a dash at him. Luckily its teeth seized him by the flap of the coat, just over the breast, so that he was not hurt by the blow.

Then the captain had a chance to appreciate the feelings of a mouse when it is shaken by a cat. The tiger shook him till his senses left him. Perhaps it was as well they did leave him, for the beast held him over the deep chasm and a fall would have been as fatal as the animal's onslaught.

When the captain recovered consciousness, a few minutes later, he found himself lying flat on his back, with his feet dangling over the precipice. He opened his eyes, only to see the sky above him. He dared not move, for the tiger might be close at his elbow. So he shut his eyes and remained motionless.

Then he thought he heard a strange noise at a little distance, a sound as of somebody sneezing. His first thought was that some one had come to the rescue and beaten the tiger off, but this was proved to be wrong by low, disagreeable, tigerish growls mingled with the sneezing.

He turned slowly. He could hardly believe his eyes. There was the tiger slinking off with his tail between his legs and sneezing violently as he went, his face distorted by most pitiful grimaces.

The truth then dawned upon the soldier. In shaking him the tiger had caused his snuffbox to fly open out of his waistcoat pocket and had received the contents full in the face.

### The First Aviator.

Was Harold, the last of the Saxon kings, our first aviator? This is a point seriously maintained by ancient biographers of the Saxon king, who perished in the battle of Hastings. In the course of an article in the Windsor Magazine a writer recalls a tradition which cannot, of course, be either disputed or disproved today, but was of sufficient interest to be retold even by the poet Milton in his "History of the Anglo-Saxons," where the poet-historian says: "Harold was, in his youth, strangely aspiring, had made and fitted wings to his hands and feet; with these on the top of a tower, spread out to gather air, he flew more than a furlong; but the wind being too high, came fluttering down, to the maiming of all his limbs; yet so conceited of his art, that he attributed the cause of his fall to the want of a tail, as birds have, which he forgot to make to his hinder parts. This story, though seeming otherwise too light in the midst of a sad narration, yet for the strangeness thereof, I thought worthy enough the placing."

### The Great Treading Down the Little.

Five hundred years ago John Ball, looking out over England, tells us that he saw "the great treading down the little, the strong beating down the weak, and cruel men fearing not, and kind men daring not, and wise men caring not," and then with his heart burning within him, he cries aloud, "and the saints in heaven forbearing, and yet bidding me not to forbear."

If we compare our time with his, we will admit that although the great still tread down the little, and the strong beat down the weak, that the cruel are at last becoming afraid of public opinion, that kind men are more daring in their schemes of alleviation than they used to be and wise men are more solicitous.—Jane Addams at the Conference of Charities and Correction.

### States of Australia.

The states comprising the commonwealth of Australia are: New South Wales, Queensland, Tasmania, South Australia, Victoria, West Australia, and the territory of Papua, formerly known as British New Guinea. The capital of the commonwealth of Australia is as yet without being, although a site for the future capital has been chosen in the Yass-Canberra district in New South Wales. At the present time the parliament sits at Melbourne.

### Thoughtful Mover.

"Take this sofa on the first load and leave it on the sidewalk."

"What for?"

"So that any neighbors who wish to watch us move in may have comfortable seats."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

## COLD BATH CALLED A FAKE

Irreverent Writer Pokes Fun at One of the Most Cherished of British Institutions.

Everyone knows about the tradition of the cold morning bath. All Englishmen mention the fact in a casual manner that they have had one at least once each day, but I have wondered if they did not protest too much. How can anyone prove that they actually get into this aforesaid cold bath? That a 200-pound man can get into a zinc pan 18 inches in diameter at the bottom, or prance about the great big keel which surrounds it, does not seem reasonable.

After getting out of a fairly warm bed many times, and trying to do acrobatic acts in tepid water with a damp atmosphere of about 40 degrees, in a stone-walled room with the concentrated cold of 400 or more long years hermetically sealed in a musty old castle, I decided to fake the cold bath, as I now believe all Englishmen do.

It's an easy game, and this is the way to do it. Jump from the bed and land, if possible, clear of the stone floor, on any old stray rug or piece of carpet. Dress hurriedly and completely, and draw a razor over your blue chop, called a chin, stanch the blood with your own handkerchief—don't use the bath towel; then drag the zinc bathtub to the center of the floor, lay a bath towel or two spread out beside it, then throw the soap as hard as possible into the water six or seven times (this gives the effect of a natural English bath splash), slap the ends of another towel in the water, wet your hands (no matter if it does make 'em ache—you must do this) and slap them on the towels to represent wet footprints. This done, you can look the world in the eye with a bright and shining morning face—the kind R. L. Stevenson refers to.—American Magazine.

### Sent Vipers to Supposed Rival.

A wealthy Italian count and his wife recently visited Paris, where by chance they met the daughter of an old family friend. After a while the countess became jealous of the count's little attentions to the young lady, and she conceived a diabolical plan to revenge herself on the girl she considered her rival. The count arranged to give their young friend a pearl necklace, and the countess seized this opportunity for her own nefarious end. She obtained a couple of vipers in a state of torpidity, and placed them in a handsome box bearing the count's crest. This dangerous parcel was dispatched with a note to the unsuspecting girl. The gift reached her while she was still in bed. Scarcely had she undone the covering than she let it fall with a cry, and half dead with fright took refuge under the bedclothes. The warmth had aroused the reptiles, and with raised heads they lay on the bed hissing ominously. But for the promptitude of a male servant, who dispatched them with a whip, the vengeful gift would doubtless have resulted as its author intended it should.

### Rediscovering the Bible.

A few years ago a professor at Yale set an examination paper to some of his undergraduate pupils and was astounded at the utter ignorance of the simplest Biblical topics displayed in their answers. Considerable publicity was given to this failure, which was taken to heart by the university men throughout the United States, and with characteristic American promptitude a movement was set on foot for the encouragement of Bible study among university men.

The movement has certainly caught on, says the American Hebrew. For the session 1908-09 no less than 539 academic institutions of the United States and Canada have Bible classes, attended by 32,259 college men. But besides this the movement has spread into 18 other countries, where the classes are attended by 80,000 university men. If one could judge by numbers the Bible is again coming to its own among the rising generation. The Bible is being rediscovered.

### Peculiar Legacies.

Not long ago a Berlin manufacturer left \$2,500, the interest of which is to be spent on the free distribution of beer weekly to the frequenters of his favorite bierhaus. More recently a testator at Tunbridge Wells, England, left eleven friends \$500 apiece "to invest in port wine or anything else they like." John Redman, a friend of Charles James Fox, who died in 1798, by a codicil in his will enjoined his executors to keep his house on for at least a year after his decease, and to visit it frequently, taking friends with them, "that each corner may be filled to help drink out the wine in the vault." He added that, "holding my executors in such esteem, I desire them to pay all the legacies without the wicked swindling and base imposition of stamps that smell of blood and carnage."

### Albanian Friendships.

There is no country in the world where friendship is deeper or more lasting than in Albania. Every man, almost without exception, has a friend who will stand by him in all circumstances, and against a legion of enemies, if need be. The usual form of cementing a friendship is for the two men to cut their arms and mix the blood, taking an oath at the same time that nothing but death shall break the bonds. Instances are common where a man has suffered death at the hands of the Turks rather than betray his friend.

## DIGNITY OF OWNERSHIP.

The Feeling of Pride That Is Born of Paying Taxes as Illustrated by a Policeman.

"Many a time," said a policeman in the southern part of the city, "when arresting men, especially intoxicated men, I have been told by my prisoner that he was a taxpayer and that he helped pay my wages."

"I always regarded this sort of back talk as merely drunken insolence and never paid much attention to it until about a year ago, when I bought a house and lot and became myself a taxpayer. I had always rented before and never gave a thought to taxes, but as soon as I moved into my own house I began to appreciate the feelings of men who resented arrest because they paid taxes."

"There is certainly a considerable addition to the dignity of the man who helps support the government. He feels a degree of responsibility that a renter or roomer never understands, and my idea is that every man in the country ought to become a taxpayer as soon as he can. And the mere fact that he does help support the government and bears his share of the expense makes him a better citizen. Habitual criminals are rarely taxpayers. They know they may have to run any day and perhaps never come back, so they do not buy real estate, but are roomers and lodgers all their lives."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

## A WHISTLER DINNER.

Sealing Wax Played an Important Part at the Banquet.

In the Pennells' "Life of James MacNeill Whistler" is the story of a dinner given by the eccentric artist in which he was assisted by Mr. Luke Ionides, who describes the banquet:

"I remember calling one early afternoon, when Jimmy was busy putting things straight. He asked me if I had any money. I told him I had 12 shillings. He said that was enough. We went out together, and he bought three chairs at two and sixpence each and three bottles of claret at eighteenpence each and three sticks of sealing wax of different colors at twopence each. On our return he sealed the top of each bottle with a different colored wax. He then told me he expected a possible buyer to dinner and two other friends. When we had taken our seats at the table he very solemnly told the maid to go down and bring up a bottle of wine, one of those with the red seal. The maid could hardly suppress a grin, but I alone saw it. Then, after the meat, he told her to fetch a bottle with the blue seal, and with dessert the one with the yellow seal was brought, and all were drunk in perfect innocence and delight. He sold his picture, and he said he was sure the sealing wax had done it."

### A Queer Trunk Problem.

One of the minor problems that present themselves to managers of homes for elderly persons is the accumulation of trunks. Each new arrival brings one or more trunks, often several, and it is not expected that these ever will be taken away, as the inmates are to remain permanently. It is not, however, considered safe to sell the trunks or give them away, as they are the private property of the inmates, and there is a possibility that the trunks may be needed again through some change in affairs or fortunes. The trunks therefore pile up until they become the despair of managers, and it is a relief when some of the older or least substantial boxes break apart from mere decrepitude and can conscientiously be consigned to the scrap heap.—New York Press.

### Napoleon's Bible.

An Italian journalist has the copy of the Bible which Napoleon used during his compulsory sojourn in the Isle of Elba. It is a copy of a cheap popular edition, illustrated with rough wood cuts, with the initial N. and the imperial crown stamped upon its back. A number of texts are underlined, and the inference is that the exiled emperor searched the Scriptures for passages appropriate to his misfortune and his hopes. "I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered," is perhaps the most significant of them. The Bible was discovered in the sanctuary of the Madonna del Monte, in Elba.

### Strategy.

Rodrick—Great Scott! Has Bilkins lost his mind?

Van Albert—I don't think so. Why? Rodrick—Just look at the illumination in his house. He has had every gas jet burning all day long.

Van Albert—Oh, that's just a little scheme Bilkins has to increase his gas bill this month. His wife is coming back to-morrow, and he told her he had been remaining at home and reading every night since she went away. If she looked at the gas bill and found it to be only 32 cents, he would be cornered for an explanation.—Chicago News.

### Eternal Fitness.

"I see a retired knockabout comedian is going to buy a title and have a coat of arms."

"Has he decided on anything?"

"I think he is considering two shipsticks crossed over a saltzer siphon."—Pittsburg Post.

### The Poor Sheep.

Mr. Foolish—Why are sheep the most dissipated animals? Mr. Silly—Because they gambol all their lives, spend most of their time on the turf, many of them are blacklegs, and all are fleeced in the end!

Endeavor to do thy duty and thou wilt know thy capacity.—Goethe.



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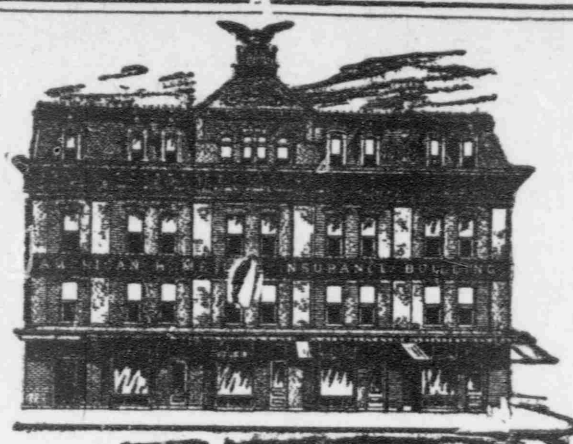
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